When the representatives of school furniture manufacturers prepared to submit their samples and prices this year, it became known that the approval of the State board would cover a period of two years, and, inasmuch as the cost of manufacture of school deaks had increased materially during the preceding two years, the various manufacturers, in order to protect themselves, set maximum figures somewhat higher than the prices which they actually expected to get for their goods, under existing market conditions, and cost of manufacture. Freedom to buy in an open market, where there is no restriction except as to limit of maximum prices to be charged, will always tend to keep prices below the maximum because of competition for the business. No other State in the Union has ever assigned to one concern the exclusive privilege of selling school deaks within its borders. School furniture manufacturers, there-

Letters and Bids.

urther insight into the character
his transaction may be learned
the fact that while Research
claims to have in its possession
from the Virginia School Supply
any, under date of May 29th, The
Andrews Company has in its
sion a letter under date of June
igned by Preston Belvin, who is
y Company, in which he wrote
lows;

The A. H. Andrews Company, Chicago, Ill.;

"Dear Siys.—The State Board of ducation met last evening and ook up the question of school upplies. They found in looking ver their records that they were ied up on some things until next rebruary or March, and were ather of the opinion that it would be wise to defer action on all until hat time. However, I am corking to a more definite finish a school desks. They passed a sesolution requesting other desk ombanies to appear before them to their meeting to be liefd about uly 1st, to prove why their permits to sell desks in this State arrely a desk house who has done ny business in this State that has not disregarded some section of the structions of the State Board of addication. You are not in this ategory."

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The significance of this letter is that Mr. Belvin had made application in his own rame, early in March. 1907, for the exclusive agency in Virginia of the school desks manufactured by The A. H. Andrews Company, However, Mr. Belvin had dropped the matter when he learned that The A. H. Andrews Company was not willing to enter into a contract with him, by means of a contract with him by means of a considerable period of time.

After taking into consideration the prices which are being quoted on school desks in Virginia, by The A. H. Andrews Company and other manufacturers, as compared with those specified in the State school desk contract, school officers will be able to judge for themselves as to whether the tendency of placing this contract with the Virginia School Supply Company would be to secure for the schools of the State lower prices than those of the State lower prices th

1433, paragraph 6, of the

Two of the most eminent attorneys of the State of Virginia (36 Lane and Cary Ellis Stern) have given an opinion on this law, part of which is as follows:

"The law is silent as to the duty of the board to enter into contract for school furniture and educational appliances. It is to be presumed that, had the Legislature intended that the State board should make contracts for the furnishing of school furniture and educational appliances, it would have said so, just as it did in regard to contering into contract for textbooks. Applying the legal maxin, that the inclusion of one is the the conclusion that the warding to the conclusion that the warding that the State board should make any such contract for textbooks. Applying the legal maxin, that the inclusion of one is the the conclusion that the warding the legal maxing that the State board should make with the Virginia School. Supply Company. Our understanding its that the district boards have the power to make contracts for furniture, such as is prescribed by the State Board of Education has selected, the district boards have the right to contract for such school furniture as the State Board of Education and we take it that, so long as the district boards have the right to contract the school furniture as the State Board of Education has selected, the district boards have the right to contract the school furniture as the State Board of Education has selected, the district boards have the right to contract the school furniture and the school furni

or superior quality in the open market?

The city of Norfelk, Virginia, early in July, 1997, placed its order for school desks with The A. H. Andrews Company, finding their proposal for the furnishing of such desks more favorable than that of any other bidder, and saving thereby more than \$200 on the prices at which the State contract was awarded to the Virginia School Supply Company, State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr. refused to approve this contract, although legal authorities state that the law is mandatory upon him to do so in all cases where the general style and quality of the desks is similar to that adopted by the State board, and where the price is as jow as, or lower than, that at which the adoption was made. School boards purchasing desks in the cheapest market will incur ne risk for the reason that there can be no financial loss on account of this procedure.

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Forecast: Virginia—Fair, warmer Monday: Tuesday fair; light south winds, becoming variable.

North Carolina—Fair Monday and col. Thermometer at midnight, 69.

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# Floor Fix,

Sanders Bros. Co.,

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# NEW MEMBERS TO CONTROL SENATE

Entire Appearance of Upper Branch Changed for First Time in Many Years.

### BYRD LEADING FOR SPEAKER

Friends Say He Will Be Next Presiding Officer of House.

bol furniture manufacturers, the had no reason for believing that had no reason for believing that petition in the sale of school furniture would not continue in Virginia the future as in the past, or that ool boards would be denied the it of buying such goods as best their needs, in the open market at competitive prices. However, Virginia School Supply Company, sew corporation, which is merely a ber of school desks, entertained no staken ideas as to the nature of the required morthly of note by all tis again worthy of note by further rosults. House nominees for the Sente have been chosen in thirty-one ate have been chosen in thirty-one of the forty districts of the State, and they of the thirty-one are new man, This gives the latter up to date a majority of five, and indications are that these figures will not be empty altered by further rosults. House nominees for the forty districts of the Sente have been chosen in thirty-one of the forty districts of the Sente have been chosen in thirty-one of the hoty-one are new man, This gives the latter up to date a majority of five, and indications are that these figures will not be eighteen of the thirty-one are new man. This gives the latter up to date have been chosen in t

and he is claiming that he will get as many votes in that section as will Mr. Withers. Messrs. Withers and Churchman are

Messrs. Withers and Churchman are righting, however, and neither will concede Mr. Byrd's nomination. Many of those who follow the game of politics closely seem of opinion, however, that the Winchester man has the inside track, and will come under the wire on the home stretch by a safe clead.

nade up to Saturday night are as fol-

Senate. First District, Dr. David Buchanan,

Marion.
Fourth District, John M. Hart, Roanokc.
Seventh District, Floyd W. King,
Clifton Forge.
Ninth District, Edward Echols, Staunton. Tenth District, R. M. Ward, Win-

Thirty-second District, Dr. C. U.

Gravatt, Port Royal.
Thirty hird District, Jno. A. Lesner,
Portsmouth.

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Thirty-fourth District, C. Harding Walker, Heathsville.
Thirty-fifth District, T. Ashby Wickham, Richmond.
Thirty-sixth District, S. W. Holt, Newport News.
Thirty-seventh District, Ben T. Gunter, Account.

Thirty-eighth District, E. C. Folkes, Thirty-ninth District, John R. Saun-

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises... 5:41 September 2, 1907.

IGH TIDE.

Sun sets... 5:33 Morning... 12:40

Miniature 1:44 Evening... 1:12

## WHO IS STRICKEN BLIND WANTS IT ELEVATED BIG CELEBRATION MISS VIRGINIA HARNED



MISS VIRGINIA HARNED.

NEW YORK, September 1.—Virginia stood the strain for pictures of the Harned, the actress, who is the wife first three acts, and then said that she of E. H. Sothern, was brought to this was too tired to make two more city on a special train last night, suffering from blindness, brought on by the taking of several flashlight pictures in New Haven on Friday night.

Miss Harned opened her season at the Hyperion Theatre there in "Anna the Hyperion Theatre there in "Anna Karenina." The play is long, and the company was pretty well tired out and said that she was unable to see. Karenina." The play is long, and the play and the play and the play and the play or one in the play is long and the land worked over her until 3 o'clock after the performance. Photographers had been brought from New York, to raise the lid of one eye. Then she however, to take pictures of each scene in the play, and the players went on for the pictures.

In order to get Miss Harned in the centre of the pictures, the photographer centre of the pictures, the photographer days, but that with care she would recover her sight.

Will Make Half Dozen Speeches Within One Week's

UNVEIL M'KINLEY MENUMENT

Will Make Trip Down the Mississippi and Speak at St. Louis

and Memphis.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., September 1 .-

To prepare a half dozen addresses, each of which will be read very gen-erally by a nation of \$0,000,000 people.

Hanover, Rosswell Page.
Hanover and King William, Thos. II. STRENUOUS DAYS
dwards.
Henrico, C. W. Throckmorton. Henry, J. M. Barker, Jr.
Isle of Wight, W. E. Howle,
King and Queen and Essex, J. M.

tt.
Lee, W. S. Neff.
Loudoun, F. M. Love.
Louisa, Carl H. Nolting.
Lynchburg, Tipton D. Jennings.
Madison and Greenc, James E. Thrift.
Mathews and Middlesex, W. D. Evans.

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Nansemond, R. W. Withers.
Nelson, Geo. W. Whitehead.
Newport News, W. E. Barrett.
New Kent, Charles City York and ity of Williamsburg, W. E. Goffigan.
Norfolk county, L M. Sylvester, E. V. Owens.

Owens, Northampton and Accomac, J. T Wilkins III. Northumberland and Westmoreland,

Orange, C. C. Tallaferro.
Pittsylvania and city of Danville, S.
I. Wilson, W. N. Brown, S. F. Clement.
Petersburg, R. Bolling Wilcox.
Portsmouth, Claude N. Markham.
Princes Anne, George T. Snead.
Prince Edward, John J. Owen.
Prince William, Tyson Janney.
Richmond city, E. P. Cox, E. C. Masie, C. E. Wingo, H. C. Glenn and Hill Iontague.

Roanoke city, A. B. Hunt, Rockbridge and Buena Vista, J. S.

raig.
Roanoke county, A. M. Bowman,
Shenandoah, C. O. Miller.
Smyth, Geo. W. Richardson.
Southampton, J. W. Williams.
Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg, C.
Conor Goolrich.
Stafford and King George, R. C. L.
Loncure.

Surry and Prince George, William B.

Washington and Bristol, Alex. Stuart and Floyd H. Roberts.

# WANTS IT ELEVATED ABOVE HIGH WATER BY WORKING MEN BY WORKING MEN BY WORKING MEN BY WORKING MEN Three-legged race, 2:30 P. M.—Umbroils. Tallest man, 2:15 P. M.—Hat (Julius Sycia & Son). Egg race, 3 P. M.—First prize, inatbroils. Tallest man, 2:15 P. M.—Hat (Julius Sycia & Son). Egg race, 3 P. M.—First prize, inatbroils. Tallest man, 2:15 P. M.—Hat (Julius Sycia & Son). Egg race, 3 P. M.—First prize, inatbroils. Westing match, 4:30 P. M.—First prize, Walkover shoes; second prize, wo shirts. Westing match, 4:30 P. M.—First prize, 3 hat (Julian Tyler); second prize, two shirts. Westing match, 4:30 P. M.—First prize, 3 hat (Julian Tyler); second prize, two dozen collars. Baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, baby shows (one to two shirts). Baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, baby shows (one to two shirts). Baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, hatpin, third prize, blue the prize, baby show, 4 P. M.—First prize, gocart (six to twelve months); second prize, hatpin, third prize, blue the prize

Calls Attention to Importance of Interesting Program to Be Car-Raising the

The city is doing some very important work in the castern part of Richmond. The dredging of the harbor is serving two purposes, deepening the harbor and furnishing sand and mud to raise the flats adjacent to Lester street between the Old Dominion wharves and Fution. Some of the property has already been raised twenty feet, and the purpose is to elevate it all beyond the danger of high water in the river. When this work is completed there will be no danger from freshets and overflow.

Mr. Morton's Views.

Speaking of this work, Mr. W. W.

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crally by a nation of \$0,000,000 people, and all to be delivered within the week from September 30 to October 6, is the task to which President Roosevel is now devoting several hours of his time each night from 9 o'clock until bedtime. Besides the half dozen set speeches, the President will be called upon for as many more extemporaneous talks, and these, too require some attention, although not a finished preparation.

The President is to terminate his vacation with a dash through the middle West and the South. He will participate first in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the national monument to the late President McKinley at Canton, Ohio, September 36, Naturally, this address will be of a memorial character, but of national breadth and interest. In Keokuk, Ia, Mr. Roosevelt will speak again the following day, and, while no intimariton has been made as to the character of this address, ft is believed that it will deal with the problems of the others being abroad. Mr. Riddle, Down the Mississiph.

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dered by platoons of culrassiers, grena-diers and dragoons in multi-colored uniforms, waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks, busbees and slievs, waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks, waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks, waving plumes, busbees and silver breaks, and with church and saluting the guard, the Emperor entered the edifice at the Emperor entered the Emperor entered the edifice at the Emperor entered the edifice at the Emperor entered the edifice at the Emperor entere

third prize, baby shoes (one to two years).

Dancing, 4 P. M.—First lady, rocker; first gentleman, umbrells.

Dancing, 8:30 P. M.—Second lady, rocker (Pettit & Co.); second gentleman, shoes (Simon Syele).

Club-swinging, 5 P. M.—Pair of shoes.

Twenty-five thousand is put down by the managers as a conservative estimate of the attendance to-day, but of course, all of these people will not be present at one time. The car service will be ample. Carriages will be awaiting the committees at Broad and Ninth Streets this morning, and the parade will move promptly at 9 o'clock, rain or shine. ried Out at Byrd Park. Business Suspended.

RECTOR WRITES

## ROUTE OF PARADE

Forms at D A. M. at Second and Broad Streets and proceeds as fol-

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Broad to Eleventh,
Eleventh to Capitol.
Capitol to Grace.
Grace to Sixth,
Sixth to Broad,
Broad to Adams.
Adams to Franklin,
Franklin to Lombardy;
Lombardy to Byrd Park,
Amusement program at Idlewood
begins et 11 A. M.

whiskey.
Foot race, 1:30 P. M.—First prize, pair of shoes; second prize, pocket-knife.
High jump, 2 P. M.—Gold cuffbuttons.
Running jump, 2:15 P. M.—Douglas and forty-five in the city of Westminster The unmarried and widows of the same ages number 35,504.

## THE LABORING MAN.

Matthew, a tax collector; Paul, a teut-maker, and Jesus himself forever exalted the carpenter's shop. A record of some say figs of Jesus was recently found on the banks of the Nile. One of them reads: 'Smite the rock, and you find Me; cleave the wood and there am I.' The workman to-day cleaving the wood by a pattern set before him meets Jesus as truly-as if in the Carpenter's shop at Nazareth. 'The presence of this 'Prince of Peace' makes of every shop, factory, office, etc., a royal palace. One does not need to be a branch of some particular titled family and the owner of vust estates to belong to the Royal family. Every one may become a member of God's family.

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'Work is nature's ordinance. That work is the secret of happiness and the secret of success. The idle aristocracy are a menace to morals and society. The man who takes the short cut in order to get rich quick, the man who dreams about the riches of the Kloudike and does anything to avoid honest toil, is a burden to society. Labor is just as dependent upon capital as capital is upon labor. Both should be encouraged. The church should always be wide open to the working man and his family and should tenderly minister to their temporal and spiritual needs."

Rev. B. H. Melton, in sermon at Marshall Street Christian Church yesterday on "Jesus and the Laboring Man."

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